

## House Resolution 2225

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Brenda Wheeler Walraven on her outstanding public  
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brenda Wheeler Walraven has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment  
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Oconee County High School, Mrs. Walraven has diligently and  
7 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the  
8 betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service  
9 as an assistant to Representative Bob Smith; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walraven has provided superb service to constituents of Oconee, Morgan,  
11 Clarke, Oglethorpe, Newton, and Madison counties for the last ten years as an assistant to  
12 Representative Smith; and

13 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience  
14 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of  
15 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

16 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Beanie," Mrs. Walraven has been united in love and  
17 marriage to Kevin Walraven since August 20, 1983, and she has been blessed with two  
18 remarkable sons, Joseph and Jordan; and

19 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Walraven is an active member of Rays  
20 United Methodist Church in the Eastville community of Oconee County where she is a  
21 member of the Rays Praise Team, Rays Compassion Committee, Rays Chicks in Action, the  
22 Worship Committee, the Relay for Life Team, and serves as treasurer of the building fund  
23 and secretary of the board; and

24 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, an avid cook and baker, Mrs. Walraven makes the best biscuits, coleslaw,  
27 pound cakes, and chocolate cakes in Oconee County; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walraven has served with honor and distinction for Representative Bob  
29 Smith and her vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public service;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend Mrs. Brenda Wheeler Walraven for her efficient,  
35 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, and extend to her  
36 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Brenda Wheeler  
39 Walraven.